ENGINEER SCHOOL CREST



The distinctive insignia for the U.S. Army Engineer School was approved by the War Department on June 27, 1929. It had been used on diplomas and stationery since 1924.

The castle symbolizes the classical role of Engineers as those who build fortifications and those who breach their walls. The castle has been used by the Corps since 1840, when it was adopted as a device on the uniform of the Cadets of the United States Military Academy.

Scarlet and white are the colors of the Engineers. Scarlet represents the shared heritage with the Artillery. From 1794 to 1802, the Engineers were part of the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers. White is the traditional color of the Infantry. Its use on the shield reflects the Engineers' secondary mission of fighting as infantry.

Above the shield is the "Lamp of Knowledge". The lamps represents the Engineer Schools mission to train and educate.

Under the shield is the motto of the Engineers- Essayons. It is a French term which means "Let us strive", "Let us try". The use of this term reflects the contributions of French Engineers to the Nation's struggle for independence and the influence of the French Engineers on the early development of the Corps